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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

BOCK ET AL.

Examiner

Albert Wang

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on September 13, 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on February 7, 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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**Attachment(s)**

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### DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to Pre Amendment A, filed September 13, 2001. Claims 14-25 are pending.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 14 and 16-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamakazi, U.S. Patent No. 6,522,319, in view of Burgan et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,805,121 ("Burgan").

As per claim 14, Yamakazi teaches a mobile communications terminal (Fig. 24, information equipment 220; Col. 40, lines 32-47), comprising:

a display unit for visual presentation of both communications information relating to a communications connection and miscellaneous user information (display unit 221), the display unit being divided into a first partial area and a second partial area (region apart from display region 221D, and display region 221D), wherein the first partial area is provided exclusively for the presentation of the communications information and the second partial area is provided for the presentation of the miscellaneous user information (communications and miscellaneous information shown in respective regions); and

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of communications (Fig. 1, controller 5; Col. 40, lines 32-47, phone-call wait time), wherein the display controller, in the absence of communications, activates and cyclically refreshes with picture information only the second partial area of the display unit for the presentation of the miscellaneous user information and deactivates the first partial area of the display unit.(Fig. 1, display and non-display regions are respectively activated and deactivated; Fig. 3, timing charts; Fig. 24, picture information).

However, while Yamakazi teaches deactivating the first partial area in the absence of communications, Yamakazi does not expressly teach the details of presenting, on the first partial area, communications information that was transmitted to the mobile communications terminal. Burgan teaches presenting such information on a partial area of a display (Col. 1, line 62 – Col. 2, line 3, displaying messages that are received). At the time of invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply Burgan's presenting of transmitted communications information to Yamakazi's mobile communications terminal. A motivation for doing so would have been to enhance the usability of the mobile communications terminal.

As per claim 16, Yamakazi teaches the display unit as a single-part, alpha numeric active-matrix liquid crystal color display (Fig. 1, single LCD panel; Fig. 24, alpha numeric characters; Col. 16, lines 9-14, color; Claim 5, active-matrix).

As per claim 17, Yamakazi teaches a surface area of the second partial area is smaller than a surface of the first partial area of the display unit (Fig. 1).

As per claim 18, Yamakazi teaches the display controller activates and cyclically refreshes only pixel lines of the second partial area of the display unit (Col. 16, lines 63 – Col. 17, line 4).

As per claim 19, Yamakazi teaches a counter connected to the display controller for counting the pixel lines refreshed by the display controller, wherein the display controller, suppresses the refresh of a pixel line if the counter level of the counter indicates a pixel line belonging to the first partial area of the display unit (Fig. 5, counter 15; Col. 22, lines 1-32).

As per claim 20, Yamakazi teaches the display controller includes the counter (Fig. 1, controller 5 outputs LP signal; Fig. 5, AND gate 16 outputs LP signal).

As per claim 21, Yamakazi teaches on reaching a counter level which indicates a pixel line belonging to the first partial area of the display unit, the counter disables the refresh of the pixel line by the display controller (Col. 22, lines 1-32).

As per claim 22, Yamakazi teaches a counter level of the counter is reset with each refresh cycle of the display controller (Col. 22, lines 1-32)

As per claim 23, Yamakazi teaches the display controller jointly refreshes both the first partial area and the second partial area of the display unit by supplying picture information (Col. 20, line 65 – Col. 21, line 11).

As per claim 24, Yamakazi teaches the second partial area of the display unit provided for the presentation of the miscellaneous user information is disposed within a circumferential area of the display unit (Fig. 1).

As per claim 25, Yamakazi teaches the second partial area of the display unit provided for the presentation for the miscellaneous user information is disposed on one of the upper and lower edges of the display unit (Col. 22, lines 45-59).

3. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamakazi/Burgan as applied to claim 14 above, and further in view of Duwaer, U.S. Patent No. 5,960,366.

As per claim 15, although Yamakazi/Burgan display unit is designed for the visual presentation of data information (Fig. 24), Yamakazi/Burgan does not expressly teach such information as multimedia information. Duwaer teaches combining both voice and data information for multimedia communication (Col. 4, lines 15-20). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply Duwaer's multimedia

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communication to Yamakazi/Burgan's mobile communications terminal. A motivation for doing so would have been to provide enhanced communications to the user.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Albert Wang whose telephone number is 703-305-5385. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30 - 6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas C. Lee can be reached on 703-305-9717. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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